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Committee Bill No. 570

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Referred to Committee on Select Committee on Children

Introduced by:
(KID)

**AN ACT CONCERNING LEGISLATIVE OVERSIGHT OF
CONSTRUCTION OR CLOSURE OF RESIDENTIAL FACILITIES
ADMINISTERED OR OPERATED BY THE DEPARTMENT OF
CHILDREN AND FAMILIES.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective from passage*) (a) Prior to January 1, 2009,
2 the Department of Children and Families, shall not implement a plan
3 to close a residential facility operated by or under contract with the
4 Department of Children and Families, or construct a new residential
5 facility on behalf of the Department of Children and Families, without
6 receiving prior legislative approval of the plan in accordance with this
7 section.

8 (b) The Department of Children and Families shall file such plan
9 with the clerks of the House of Representatives and the Senate. The
10 plan shall include details concerning (1) any proposed closure or new
11 facility; (2) the number of residents affected by any proposed closure
12 or the number of potential residents of a new facility; (3) the associated
13 costs of any proposed closure or new facility; and (4) a summary of
14 statutory changes necessary to implement the closure or construction

15 of a new facility.

16 (c) Not later than five days after receiving the plan, the clerks of the
 17 House of Representatives and the Senate shall refer the plan to the
 18 select committee of the General Assembly having cognizance of
 19 matters relating to children. The committee shall hold a public hearing
 20 on the plan not later than thirty days after receiving the plan. The
 21 committee may seek input from other committees or members of the
 22 General Assembly. Not later than five days after the hearing, the
 23 committee shall (1) hold a roll-call vote to approve or reject the plan,
 24 and (2) forward the plan and a record of the committee's vote to the
 25 General Assembly.

26 (d) The General Assembly may approve or reject the plan, in whole,
 27 by a majority vote of each house. If the plan is submitted when the
 28 General Assembly is not in session, the plan shall be deemed rejected if
 29 the General Assembly fails to convene to consider the plan by the
 30 thirtieth day after it receives the plan from the committee.

31 (e) If the plan is approved pursuant to subsection (d) of this section,
 32 the department may implement the plan, provided any necessary
 33 amendments to the general statutes are enacted prior to
 34 implementation. If the plan is rejected the state agency may submit an
 35 amended plan for approval in accordance with subsection (b) of this
 36 section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	New section

Statement of Purpose:

To enact a moratorium on the closure of existing residential facilities or construction or planning of new residential facilities for the Department of Children and Families unless prior legislative approval is granted.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]

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